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BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

OVER GERMANY TODAY SPRAWLS A HUGE QUESTION MARK—SYMBOLIC OF THE FEARS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT ARE DISTURBING THE MORALE OF THE COUNTRY.

By secret channels come reports to responsible authorities in London of the havoc created by RAF raids on industrial centres and of nerve-shattering effects of concentrated bombing.

No Weakening Of U.S. Fleet

ROOSEVELT WANTS SHIPS SPEED-UP

Washington, Saturday.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN HIS WORLD BROADCAST TONIGHT, WILL GIVE AN ASSURANCE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF WEAKENING THE U.S. FLEET IN AIDING BRITAIN, BUT A CALL FOR GREATER SPEED IN SHIP BUILDING IS PRESSED.

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Leading articles in the papers and radio broadcasts continue to emphasize that the war has now entered a new phase in which the United States is destined to play a vital role.

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These secret lines of communication, first established by the German Socialists when Hitler came into power, were disrupted after the collapse of France.

For months it was almost impossible to get reliable information of what was happening in Germany.

Now this remarkable "grape-vine" is functioning again, and those London organisations in touch with the underground news service, have received encouraging details of conditions in Germany, and of the weakening morale of the people.

HURRIED CALL-UP

RAF raid damage is extensive. One of the main topics of conversation in Germany is the fact that all bricklayers and builders who had been reserved for one purpose or another were rapidly mobilised and told to report to the nearest army depot.

The army authorities used them in an effort to try to repair quickly badly damaged war factories.

Since this hurried call-up of repair squads the RAF has staged its "heaviest-ever" raids on Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne and other important war production centres.

Other information reaching London through the secret channels of Germany's anti-air movement concerns the threat of invasion of Britain.

When the invasion failed to come off last autumn, as promised, and Goebbels fobbed off the country with various excuses, many people were disturbed.

Today, after a lapse of months, in an effort to strengthen the hopes and morale of the nation, the definite promise of invasion is being made.

The feeling among Nazi leaders is that this time the people can't be put off again, and that the invasion plan will have to be carried out, whatever the fears of failure may be and whatever the conditions.

Wife Posed As Lieut.-Colonel

A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN, WHO WORE THE UNIFORM OF A LIEUT.-COLONEL IN THE R.A.M.C.—JUST TO SHOW OFF TO HER HUSBAND, FROM WHOM SHE WAS SEPARATED—WAS FINED 5 YESTERDAY AT LANCASTER.

She was Esther Jacques (thirty-one), of Hulton, near Lancaster, a first-aid nurse.

In her possession when arrested was a confidential copy of an Army training memorandum, a booklet entitled "The Officer and His Job," and also a copy of "Notes for the guidance of commanding officers and staff officers regarding American and certain amenities."

P.C. Spence, Sharp said he did not impute any subversive motive to the woman. She had apparently worn the uniform to impress her husband that she could get along without his help.

In a statement to the police, she said that she had written her husband a letter in which she was living with her mother-in-law.

Giving evidence, Mrs. Jacques said it was only that made her wear the uniform.

The tailor who supplied the uniform, costing £12, was Norman Furness, of Lincoln-lane, Lancaster. He was fined £50.

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Slav High Command In Defiant Mood

BRAVO,
DADDY!



Lt.-Lt. G. W. Thomas, of London, shows his M.B.E. to one of his sons after his Majesty's Investiture at Buckingham Palace recently.

Home Front Orders

YOUR JOB IF INVASION COMES

IF THE CHURCH BELLS RING IN YOUR AREA TO SIGNAL THAT ENEMY INVADERS ARE NEAR, YOU, AS A CIVILIAN, WILL HAVE YOUR PART TO PLAY. THE GOVERNMENT'S LEAFLET GIVING FULL INSTRUCTIONS IS NOW READY. IT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT TEN DAYS.

Main points of the leaflet:

CARRY ON.—If you are in an area some way from the fighting, so to work, do your shopping, send your children to school.

Certain roads and railways, even in "peaceful" areas, will be reserved for the military. Bus companies and railways will maintain services as far as possible.

IN BATTLE AREAS.—The order is "stand firm." Until the battle is over keep indoors or in your shelter.

If you are at work or can get to work, carry on as long as possible and take cover only when danger approaches.

Don't assume, because you see an enemy tank or a few enemy soldiers, that the enemy are in control of the area. They may be struggling who can easily be rounded up.

YOUR ORDERS.—Take orders from the police or A.R.P. wardens whom you know, or from the military or Home Guard in uniform.

Note that church bells will not be rung all over the country, but only in the areas where troops have landed.

Useful plans have been made for newspapers and the wireless to carry on, but in cases of need

you may receive instructions by loudspeaker vans and perhaps leaflets or posters.

If there is a temporary break down of the news supply, ignore all rumours. Wait till the news comes through.

Keep any food stocks you have for a real emergency, but do not add to them. The Government has arranged food supplies.

Disable your car when told to do so. Doable and hide your bicycle.

WHEN TO FIGHT.—The enemy is not likely to turn aside to attack separate houses.

But if you are threatened you have the right of every man and woman to do what you can to protect yourself, your family and your home.

Finally, help our troops all you can. Tell the enemy nothing and give him nothing.

FRANCE SURRENDERS

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AS THE MOST FATEFUL HOUR IN BALKAN HISTORY DREW NEAR, AND NAZI BOMBERS WERE REPORTED STANDING READY FOR ACTION ON 25 BULGARIAN AIRPORTS, JUGOSLAVIA WENT AWAY YESTERDAY WITH HER MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

IN BERLIN, some officials declared that the Balkan crisis was reaching a "critical stage"; others tried to dismiss the Yugoslav problem as a "minor" one which could be settled at any time.

But in BELGRADE, diplomatic circles said that Yugoslavia has taken up a firm attitude in the delicate negotiations with Germany and that the country's High Command is the real master of the situation.

It also appears uncompromisingly any agreement which would permit German forces to enter the country or would concede to Hitler military bases of any kind.

TO DEFEND FREEDOM

The first intention of Yugoslavia to defend her independence and freedom by force of arms and to remain armed is reaffirmed by the semi-official Belgrade newspaper "Vreme."

We have never asked for what is not ours," says the paper, "but what belongs to us we shall always defend heroically."

The Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Foreign Minister, M. Cincur-Marovitch, who have twice put off their trip to Germany—aggression, pact—are still in Belgrade.

"OFF TILL WEDNESDAY"

The latest Belgrade reports say that the trip has now been delayed until Wednesday.

Neutral military observers arriving in Belgrade yesterday from Sofia said that more than 100 German military aircraft, including bombers, fighters and transport planes, were being timed up at Sofia airport.

Similar preparations were reported in progress at twenty-two other airports scattered throughout Southern Bulgaria.

But in Berlin some sources seemed anxious to reiterate the question of Yugoslavia to the background.

TURKS REPLY

The German Foreign Office preserved a "tomb-like silence" on the subject.

Meanwhile, a Turkish Foreign Office official is said to be on his way to Berlin with a written message from the Turkish President to Hitler's recent message to Turkey.

(Reuter, A.P. and Exchange)

FOUR SHIPS REPORTED SUNK

Ottawa, Sunday.

Four ships in British convoy bound for Canada were recently sunk by enemy action, according to survivors reaching Canada.

Two other ships were hit but remained afloat, according to survivors.

They had had no news of 200 members of the ships' crews.

The convoy, they added, had been attacked twice in several days after leaving a British port, the first time at midnight, and the second between five and six in the morning.

The ships sunk included a large auxiliary vessel, an oil tanker, and two cargo vessels.

They identified the attacking vessel as a German submarine.

Torpedoes seemed to come from B.U.P.s, said one survivor.

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MORE FOOD MUST BE GROWN

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN, THREATENED BY INTENSIFIED U-BOAT WARFARE, IS NOT DOING ENOUGH TO GROW HER OWN FOOD. THAT IS THE SERIOUS VIEW OF A POWERFUL GROUP OF M.P.s. THE PREMIER HAS PROMISED THE FULL UTILIZATION IN THE COMMONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Earl Winterton, himself a big landowner, is the leader of these M.P.s, most of whom are farmers, and they are all for farming conditions. Mr. Lloyd George is among them.

They want action now while the time still is to get results.

Some of the demands include—

More Land.—Though only 4,000,000 acres more are available, the plan is to use nearly enough. Much of commons should be reclaimed. So should golf courses, recreation grounds and other expanses of land used for non-productive purposes.

Take Over Private Parks.—These areas of land, often more fertile than the commons, they demand should be taken over by the War Agricultural Commission, which officers relate to cultivation.

Save Bad Farmers.—More than 100,000 acres are now in the hands of farmers who are not producing. The Government has been asked to encourage them to cultivate them.

But too many inefficient farmers still allowed to hang on.—They are using land badly.

Save The Herds.—Herds of cattle and sheep are being sold to security of food. M.P.s say that should be checked, even if it means loss of the growing of feed.

Mer Labour Wanted.—Many farms would increase food production if they could get more labour. Release of skilled farm labour from the army will be asked.

425,546 KIDDIES LEAVE LONDON

Mr. C. G. C. P. Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, told the local branch of the War Food Association that 425,546 children have been evacuated from London, under the evacuation orders.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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An Explanation Every Indigestion Victim Should Read

INDIGESTION sufferers and victims of indigestion should read this for themselves. "What is a Stomach Ulcer? Why does it cause such agony?"

Ulcers arise as a result of over-acidity. There is acid in the stomach to digest your food. You cannot digest without it. Worry, irregular meals, Poor Health or severe mental or physical strain may cause the production of too much acid. This inflames a weak spot in the stomach lining.

Operated on for Perforated Ulcer!

Dear Sirs,—I am very pleased to say that after following your diet, and MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder, I am completely healed. The doctor has said I have made a remarkable recovery. I was operated on for a perforated ulcer. I strongly recommend anyone who is suffering from Stomach Trouble to try your powder. R. A. (Southport).

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MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder will stop the sharp edge and the burning pain of indigestion, heartburn, flatulence, and stomach pain. It will soothe the lining and soothe the lining and soothe the lining.

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The Marquis of Epsom after his marriage at St. Mary's Church, Farnham Royal, yesterday, to the Hon. Pamela Berry.

Holiday Plan This Week

ARMS WORKERS TO GET 10 DAYS

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MR. BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE, HOPES TO ANNOUNCE THIS WEEK HIS PLANS FOR GIVING ALL ARMAMENT WORKERS TEN DAYS' SUMMER HOLIDAYS WITH PAY.

That is a week's extra holiday plus extra days for the Easter, Whitson and August Bank Holidays.

Weeks and no closing down of whole districts at a time, but it is proposed that all arms workers shall have their holidays during the summer period up to the end of September.

While during the summer for the workers the Government are anxious that production shall not be interfered with to any extent.

Mr. Bevin is discussing the matter with the Cabinet Production Council with the meeting date. He has already had conversations with employers and workers in the industry.

Arrangements will be made so that a large number of aircraft, tanks, or gun factories, or shell factories will not close down at the same time.

In some cases factories will keep going with a reduced staff as a result of the staff within the factory facing their own stoppage arrangements.

This policy will be followed partly in the case of factories concerned with articles in which there have been production bottlenecks.

Trips to the seaside during the summer period will not be encouraged. The Government is anxious that the holiday season shall be a quiet one.

DARLON IS OFF TO PARIS AGAIN

Vichy, Saturday.

Admiral Darlon, French Vice-Premier and Navy Minister, is to leave for Paris tomorrow. It was announced in Vichy today.

Mr. Darlon is also to leave Vichy. He is going to Grenoble on Tuesday.—B.U.P.

"The People's" Secret Service News

(EXCLUSIVE)

COMPLICATIONS behind the Nazi occupation of Norway have been acute. They are faced with the prospect of greater trouble than was even recently thought possible.

To encourage the Quelling government to use every effort to counter the anti-Nazi feeling, Berlin has ordered them to guarantee the people full employment after the war and the return of what was once regarded as historic Norway.

Not So Daft As They Looked

AN ever-growing crowd in a London street watched in astonishment Lowered EMPTY buckets into a manhole. They were not daft at all, they were simply trying to get rid of the contents away, and then they were down again.

"They're daft!" said an onlooker, after half an hour.

But they weren't! They were collecting heavy gas at the bottom of the manhole, bringing it to the surface, and emptying it away.

Bravo, "Sarge"!

Won the F.F.M. At 48

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

HA. H. BOLTON, WHO HAS WON HIS D.F.M., HAS A WAR RECORD MAY A YOUNGER MAN MIGHT WELL ENVY.

Five army men near their fifties can claim to have won decorations. Bolton, who is forty-eight, gained his for a fine exhibition of courage against enemy raiders.

This Scottish veteran of two wars—served with the Royal Navy from 1914 to 1918 and has three ribbons to show for his career—the sea—was a wireless operator at gunner at Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorks, when the engagement took place which earned him his medal.

The plane in which he was active as gunner, a Lockheed-Hudson, was attacked by seven Messerschmitt 109s.

While the pilot of Bolton's plane encountered his craft with superb skill, the serpent blade of the ship, circling the water.

After a terrific battle, the British airman fought their attackers off. They claimed they had shot down two Messerschmitts for circles and some "probable" kills.

They got away themselves by coming right down and skimming along the surface of the water.

PETAIN BANS NEWSPAPER

French authorities today suspended for five days the Clermont-Ferrand newspaper "La Montagne" for what was described as a "too harsh attitude".—Associated Press.

A TASTY BITE!

sausages. The Tommies ate them with relish—and called for more!

Next morning P.O. engineers arrived, and complained loudly about a so-and-so who had stolen their breakfast.

The soldiers said nothing, but they were wondering what happens to stomachs that have packets of sausages fried in beeswax!

This supply has virtually ceased, and the Germans are using French railways for their own purposes.

Some estimate of conditions and shortcomings of the German railways after the F.F.M. raids and associated consequences were to make up the hundreds of train loads of commodities.

Anti-Nazi feeling is growing in Italy. It is growing in the acceptance of the people to the idea of Nazi occupation.

For Work

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EVERY WOMAN BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWENTY AND THIRTY WILL HAVE TO REGISTER AT THE LABOUR EXCHANGES UNDER MR. BEVIN'S COMPULSORY REGISTRATION ORDER.

WHICH IS NOW BEING DRAFTED, AND WHICH WILL COME INTO OPERATION IN A FEW WEEKS.

They will have to give their occupation—or if they are housewives—the occupation they worked at before they got married.

A list of exempted occupations has been prepared. Women already employed in them will remain at their jobs.

The remainder, however, in various orders of priority, according to experience and family responsibility, will be placed on a roll and made available for calling up for war jobs as the Minister requires them.

Mr. Bevin will speak to the women of Britain on the radio today.

He will tell them that there will have to be a big speed-up in response to his call for 100,000 volunteers for work in the arms industry.

POOR RESPONSE

One feature about the past week's applications at the labour exchanges is that the "insured women" are not coming forward in any substantial numbers.

In many towns there has been no response at all.

Most of the women who are registering come in three categories:

Young wives of soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Women and girls who have been displaced from non-essential industries under the recent Restriction of Production Plan.

Women who have been unemployed for some time.

The traditional non-working class is making a very poor response indeed.

Mr. Bevin will mention that when the time comes for "conscripting" women, he will want married women with young children to work on night shifts.

500,000 NEEDED

No married women with young children will be expected to work until proper arrangements have been made for the care of her children.

The 100,000 women for whom Mr. Bevin is appealing now are only the advance of the army of women whom he wants during the next six months.

More the 500,000 will be needed during that period, with more later.

Supplies can no longer be spared for the production of roofing felts and ducks, and after May 3 the maximum producer's prices for roofing felts and ducks will be reduced to 12. 6d. a lb., with corresponding reductions in retail prices.

Egg prices will be reduced by 2s. 6d. per long hundred from April 20, and no further price change will take place until the next season increase is due.

To give producers of table poultry an opportunity to liquidate their stocks, the following maximum prices for chickens reared in the United Kingdom weighing more than 11 lb., rough plucked, unskinned, will take effect from Monday, 18. 3s. per bird to the pound, 2s. 2d. wholesale and 3s. 6d. retail.

RABBIT PRICES DOWN, BY ORDER

The Food Minister has made an order reducing from two pence maximum wholesale prices for skinned wild rabbits, from 9d. per lb. to 7d. per lb. in country districts and from 10d. per lb. to 8d. per lb. in scheduled industrial areas.

This is to restore equitable margins of profit between wholesalers and retailers, thus encouraging the sending of wild rabbits to large centres of consumption.

E. ABERDEEN ENDORSES BOOTHBY

MR. ROBERT BOOTHBY, M.P., formerly Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, is not to resign his seat.

But he is to serve his country in another and more humble capacity.

He said so yesterday, when he told the East Aberdeenshire Unionist Association that he would ask for a vote of confidence as soon as he was in a position to put all the facts before them.

"I was never at any time a party to an agreement by which I was to receive payment for political services of any kind," he said.

"In normal times I should immediately have submitted myself for re-election.

Owing to the fact this is not normal times, I cannot be asked to disclose. It would not be fair to ask you to make a decision for which the responsibility clearly rests upon my shoulders.

In these circumstances, I propose, subject to your approval, to retain my seat and to ask you for a vote of confidence as soon as I am in a position to put all the facts before you.

If you approve of this course I propose to carry out my expressed intention to see the country to the best of my ability in another capacity.

The executive committee of the Association, by 28 votes to 6, approved Mr. Boothby's decision to retain his seat.

SKIPPERS WHO ARE BEATING BLOCKADE

THE King recently held another investiture at Buckingham Palace, at which he decorated officers and men of the three Fighting Services and of the Merchant Navy.

Six officers of the Merchant Navy who have taken part in defeating the U-boat blockade each received the D.S.C.

A number of Wing Commanders of the RAF were made Officers of the Military Division of the O.B.E.

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